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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Geralt WILLIAMS
International Application No.: PCT/FR99/00695
International Filing Date: 25 March 1999
Title: **METERING VALVE**

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT for the purpose of adding the priority information. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b)

In the Specification:

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

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--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/FR99/00695 filed 25 March 1999, which claims priority from FR98/03926 filed 30 March 1998 in France.--

In the Claims:

In Claim 3, line 1, delete "and 2"

In Claim 4, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and replace with --claim 1--

In Claim 6, line 1, delete "any of the preceding claims" and replace with --claim 1--

In Claim 8, line 1, delete "or 7"

In Claim 10, line 3, delete "one of the preceding claims" and replace with --claim 1--

REMARKS

Applicants have attached an abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice. Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. The claims have been amended to place them in form appropriate to US practice and to reduce the filing fee by removing multiple dependency.

Respectfully submitted,

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